

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 embarrassment to everyone involved."

2 A. Ha, ha, ha.

3 Q. Were you going to do a deal?

4 A. Let me tell you that --

5 Q. This is what Phillips says you told him.

6 A. Yeah, that's right. Phillips is writing this, and
7 he's writing to his people, and for whatever reason. But
8 you don't do a deal without the Premier. That's not the
9 way it works. I've been around for twenty years. I was
10 Premier, and you don't do a deal like that on your own
11 without the Premier. You don't get it through Cabinet.
12 If the Premier says in Cabinet, "We're not doing that,"
13 then it's not going to be done. And the orders won't be
14 signed. So it's just that simple.

15 Q. Well, was Phillips making that up?

16 A. Well, I don't know what he's writing about, but he's
17 probably trying to embellish some of the conversation for
18 the people he's writing the note to. I don't know, but
19 I've been in politics for twenty years prior to leaving.
20 And I'm telling you that anyone that's there knows that
21 there's no way you can do the deal without the Premier.
22 There's no way -- how would you get it through Cabinet?
23 The Premier is sitting there as Premier of the Province,
24 and he says, "We're not going to do the deal." And the
25 rest of the Cabinet is going to say, "Oh, sorry, Premier,